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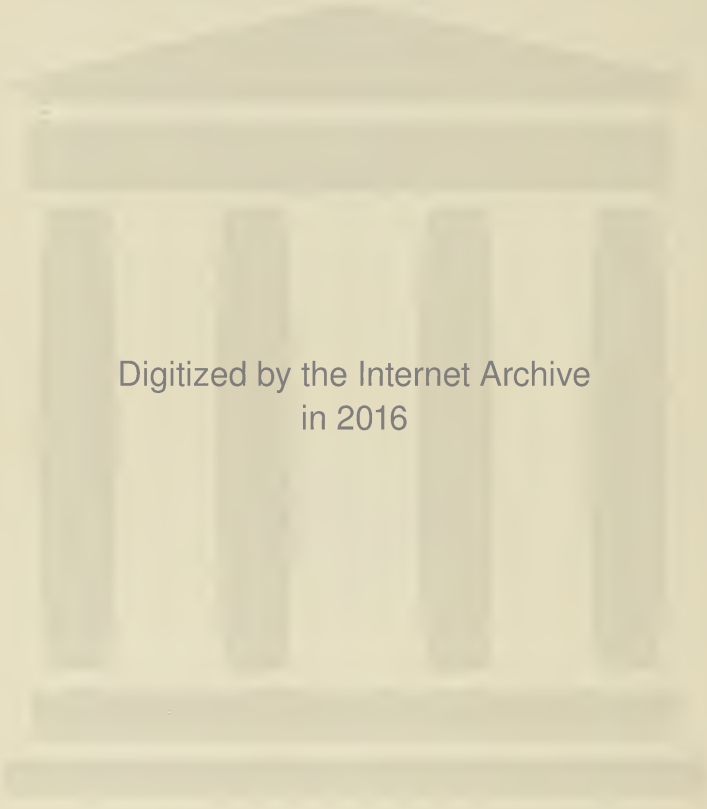
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Biography

ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ was born in Springer, Colfax County, N. Mex., January 17, 1902; attended the public schools, and Highlands University, Las Vegas, N. Mex.; received law training at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.; court reporter for the eighth judicial district of New Mexico 1925–1930; was admitted to the bar in 1931 and commenced practice in Raton, Colfax County, N. Mex.; assistant district attorney of the eighth judicial district in 1933; practiced law in Santa Fe, N. Mex., in 1934; served in the State house of representatives in 1935; chief tax attorney for the State tax commission in 1935 and 1936; first assistant attorney general 1937–1941; member of the first New Mexico Public Service Commission in 1941 and 1942; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-eighth and to the six succeeding Congresses; had been reelected on November 6, 1956, to the Eighty-fifth Congress; served from January 3, 1943, until his death in Albuquerque, N. Mex., November 7, 1956; interment in Rosario Catholic Cemetery, Santa Fe, N. Mex.

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THURSDAY, *January 3, 1957.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty and ever-blessed God, on this 1st day of the 85th Congress, we are earnestly beseeching Thee that we may always be humble in spirit as we daily approach Thee with prayers and petitions for strength and wisdom and our many needed blessings.

Inspire us with this same spirit of humility, not only in our approach unto Thee, but in every appraisal that we make of ourselves and our resources to discharge faithfully the duties and responsibilities of our high vocation.

We pray that in the sphere of human relationships and all our associations, as colleagues and comrades in a grand and glorious mission, we may manifest a spirit that is gracious and generous in its appreciations, magnanimous and sympathetic in its attitudes, considerate and charitable in its judgments.

Grant that our President, our Speaker, our chosen Representatives, and all Government employees may be the humble and obedient servants of Thy divine will in the great adventure of mediating to mankind the principles of democracy and the spirit of peace and brotherhood.

Hear us in the name of the meek and lowly man of Galilee who hath taught us to say:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, at a later date and time, a unanimous consent request will be made to pay eulogy to Hon. ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, a deceased Member of the House of Representatives. I now offer a resolution (H. Res. 17) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, a Representative from the State of New Mexico.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I move that as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 53 minutes p. m.), pursuant to its previous order, the House adjourned until Saturday, January 5, 1957, at 12 o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, *January 22, 1957.*

Dr. A. Carl Adkins, Dauphin Way Methodist Church, Mobile, Ala., offered the following prayer:

As we pause here now, our Father, we do so with grateful hearts. We are thankful for the privilege that comes to each of us daily to serve Thee and to serve others, which is, perhaps, the perfect way of serving our Father in heaven. And as we this morning look out upon this atomic-ridden

world we keep asking ourselves, Is there no way out? Are we driven to the monstrous conclusion that there are situations in which a decent people like ourselves can do nothing except constantly accept these thrusts from the outside? And yet the fact remains we live in one of the most critical and needy generations in our world's history. We have a great civilization that is literally struggling to get on its feet, and yet our lives, most of them, are being lived entirely on the surface.

Help us to see, O God, that there may have been a day when men could drift listlessly through such apathetic years. But if there ever has been such a day, it is gone now. For today the demands of life are constantly screaming at us, saying: Either attend to me here or perish; attend to me here and here and here or whole generations to come will perish.

May the Members of this Congress, our Father, be totally aware of the fact that no matter how noble their intentions, no matter how clever their self-deception, inevitably the law of the harvest still works that whatsoever a man or nation sows that shall they also reap.

Now, our Father, we pray that in Thine inimitable way Thou shalt gather these men up in Thine own arms and speak to their hearts and to their minds, and may in this very moment here and in every moment that shall follow during this hour, the deliberations that shall take place in this House today be wise deliberations simply because, first of all, we have sought guidance from our Father in heaven, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of sorrow that I bring to the attention of the Members of the House of Representatives the passing of our friend and colleague, the Honorable ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, my fellow Congressman from New Mexico. His sudden and untimely death on November 7, 1956, the day following his reelection to an

eighth term in this honorable body, took from our membership a man greatly beloved and most highly esteemed.

The people of the State of New Mexico, who had imposed in Congressman FERNANDEZ their complete and unswerving confidence during his many years in public office, were indeed shocked and grieved at their loss. I know full well that the people of the Nation and the Members of this House share that grief.

It was my privilege and good fortune to work closely for several terms in the Congress with this dedicated and God-fearing man. He was truly a Christian gentleman in all that the term implies. He was a man highly respected for his fine qualities and courageous adherence to his convictions. As a legislator in his State and in the Congress, his course held true to what he believed to be the best interests of those whom he served. He gained great satisfaction from achieving those things which were beneficial to his State and Nation which he served with utmost fidelity and sincerity. His record of service on the Appropriations Committee won for him the confidence and high regard of every member of that committee.

He was a good father and husband, rearing and educating a fine family. His 5 children and 7 grandchildren have been given a heritage of honor that will continue for them throughout their lives. His highly respected wife, Cleo Chavez, whom he married in 1924, has suffered a bereavement that all of us share. This gracious lady has, however, a memory to carry through her life which must be to her most gratifying—the memory of a man who rose from a humble beginning to become one of New Mexico's greatest citizens.

The career of Congressman FERNANDEZ epitomizes the true American tradition of opportunity for those who are willing to strive for it. Born in Springer, N. Mex., in 1902, he worked his way through school and became a court reporter.

He then studied law and was admitted to the practice of law in New Mexico in 1931. He served as assistant district attorney, chief tax attorney for the State, and first assistant attorney general and a member of the New Mexico Public Service Commission before being elected to the Congress in 1942. His service in the Congress was continuous from that date until his death. ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, a self-made man, built a record of public service of which any man could justly be proud.

My words cannot adequately measure the immensity of the loss we have suffered. The legislative accomplishments of Congressman FERNANDEZ will be of lasting benefit to the people and the Nation he loved and so ably served. Beyond question, he has been taken unto his Maker as one worthy of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

I know the entire membership of this House joins with me and his myriad other friends in an expression of deepest sympathy to his wife and family. May God repose his soul in the peace he so truly merits for his many good works among men.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I was profoundly moved and deeply distressed when word reached me last fall that ANTONIO FERNANDEZ was no longer with us. Losing him is like losing a member of one's own family. I served in the Congress with him for a long time. I knew him intimately for his fine qualities, his gentle, pleasant manner and his studious and capable devotion to his duties.

New Mexico has lost an outstanding son and we in the Congress have lost an able colleague who was both beloved and respected. I am sure that each of us will long cherish the memories he left with us.

My earnest sympathies are extended to Mrs. Fernandez and their sons and daughters. Their loss is great indeed and we pray that God will comfort and strengthen them in this trying period.

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my late friend ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ.

When I came to Washington, he had been a Member for 11 years, and I was soon honored to serve with him on the Committee on Appropriations and especially on the Subcommittee on Mutual Security where we enjoyed a close relationship. ANTONIO FERNANDEZ was a fine Christian man with many laudable characteristics. Outstanding to me was his consideration for his fellow man. He was a man without cant, without hate; he had a profound respect for the integrity of his fellow man, and he, in turn, deservedly earned their respect. ANTONIO FERNANDEZ was a true public servant, constant to the principles he believed right even under the most adverse circumstances. His example should be an inspiration to every Member of the House. His achievements would have been impossible if he had not possessed a rugged sense of integrity, an unflinching devotion to duty and family, and an unusual sense of humor.

The United States and especially New Mexico have suffered a severe loss for ANTONIO FERNANDEZ was in the prime of life when he was called. I have lost a true friend. To his lovely wife and children I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. PASSMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DEMPSEY. I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. PASSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in paying tribute to my very dear personal friend, ANTONIO FERNANDEZ, who passed away last November, just after being reelected to Congress for his eighth consecutive term.

I had the honor of serving with Mr. FERNANDEZ on various subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations for many years. We made many congressional inspection tours together. May I say that I have never known a more sincere and capable public servant than my friend, ANTONIO FERNANDEZ. His devotion to duty as a Member of this House,

his great capacity for work and his record of accomplishment were an inspiration to me. His leadership was a fine example to all who knew and served with him in this House and on the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. FERNANDEZ was one of the best friends I had. As the occupant of a neighboring congressional office I had an opportunity to become well acquainted with Mr. FERNANDEZ, and I shall always cherish the friendship which developed between us. His cheerful personality and his willingness to counsel with and assist his friends in any problem endeared Mr. FERNANDEZ to all who knew him.

Mr. FERNANDEZ will be greatly missed by his colleagues in the Congress and on the Committee on Appropriations. I am grieved at the loss of a loyal and true friend, and I should like to extend my heartfelt sympathy to his devoted wife, Mrs. Cleo Fernandez, and to their five wonderful children.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Taber].

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to serve with ANTONIO FERNANDEZ on several subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations at one time or another during his service on that committee. I always found him to be on the job and attending to every responsibility that he had to meet. He was one of the most friendly men and one of the hardest workers I have met here, and it is going to be difficult to replace him.

It was my privilege to know him quite well and to have quite a good deal to do with him. I appraise him as one of the best men I have ever known.

I extend to Mrs. Fernandez and her family my sincerest and deepest sympathy.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. Scrivner].

Mr. SCRIVNER. Mr. Speaker, Representative ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, affectionately known as TONY to his friends, has

left a place which will be difficult to fill. TONY was a member of the Appropriations Committee, and those of us who worked with him knew him for what he really was—a quiet, efficient, loyal, serious-minded, hard-working Member of the House of Representatives.

No one could ask for finer cooperation than that which he gave as a member of our Military Appropriations Subcommittee.

To reason he would listen, and once convinced of the rightness of his stand he stood firm for his convictions.

Those of us who knew him so well will miss him in our future deliberations, and we will long remember him as we pass by the chair he once so ably filled.

Mr. Speaker, no words of ours can lessen the loss, but to his loved ones our heartful sympathy is extended in the sorrowful hours.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Doyle].

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, one of the most cordial personal friendships I have enjoyed during these several terms of membership in this great legislative body was with my great friend, Representative ANTONIO FERNANDEZ, of New Mexico. It just seemed to us that we had much in common, not only because of the proximity of our respective States and the problems common to both; but, also because a warm, cordial understanding sprang up quickly between us which made it mutually pleasant for us to discuss basic problems before our beloved Nation. I always found him friendly, humble, learned, and anxious to possess all of the facts and information possible before he came to a conclusion. Many times I would deliberately seek him out on the floor of this legislative chamber, or elsewhere, in order to speak with him about some legislative problem or to just visit with him on a friendly basis for at least a few minutes. And, because he was naturally very proud of his distinguished Spanish an-

cestry, he found a cordial listener in me to the history of the early days of the Southwest when first visited and later inhabited by the Spanish folks and also the folks from Mexico. Being a native son of the Golden State of California myself, his fondness to speak of the friendly and at the same time the strong traits of the Mexican and Spanish people was a common bond between us. And then, Mr. Speaker, he had such an abiding ambition for the very best for his native State of New Mexico, that it also formed a common bond between us. He for New Mexico and I for California. But, Mr. Speaker, both of us for the United States of America.

I shall never forget it was the good fortune of Mrs. Doyle and myself to be guests in their home in New Mexico just a few weeks before his untimely death. It was, therefore, naturally a great shock to wife and me to learn so soon after we had visited with them in Santa Fe, N. Mex., that he had passed on on such an untimely occasion and left behind him his lovely wife and splendid children. While wife and I visited with them and rode with his lovely wife as the auto driver to the historical Indian Taos, having a day's pleasure and information, we learned of their mutual ambition that their children might have the best education and opportunities and that their State might also achieve its rightful place in the progress of all of the States. We learned also from his wife herself of her distinguished ancestry and parentage, and we thus realized we were visiting in the presence of a most distinguished couple and family and in the midst of a community with great historical significance to the progress of the United States toward the west.

And as we visited with them in their community for those 2 days and met many, many people of distinction and also of long acquaintance with them, we heard and observed nothing but expressions of sincere affection and of high regard and respect for both the Congressman and Mrs. Fernandez.

I shall personally continue to miss the real pleasure I always had and the benefit realized from visiting with him and learning from him his considered opinion and the reasons therefor on many of the matters which came before us. My wife and I sincerely, and with understanding and deep feeling, extend our sympathy to his lovely wife and their children.

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DEMPSEY. I yield to the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to be one of the official representatives of this body to attend the last services held for our distinguished colleague, ANTONIO FERNANDEZ. It was a memorable experience to go to his home in Santa Fe and see the old cathedral there filled with his neighbors and friends who came to pay him homage.

Tony, as I got to know him in the past 2 years both in this body and as a congressional neighbor, was a quiet man. He was one of those real gentlemen who do so much to make this a pleasant and agreeable body. Tony, too, was of Spanish descent, of whom we have so many out in the great Southwest. He was one of the few Spanish-speaking persons in this body. In the performance of his duties in the Congress he reflected great credit not only on himself but upon his people in the Southwest.

Tony was not only one of those gentle and industrious men who do so much to make the machinery of the House turn in a quiet and easy way, but, as his colleagues have already said here, he was a real friend. I found he was friendly and helpful to newcomers who entered the Congress. So I will always remember him, as I think all of his friends will, with respectful reverence.

I, too, join my colleagues in expressing my sympathies to his wife and his fine family.

Mr. MORRIS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DEMPSEY. I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. MORRIS. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to know ANTONIO FERNANDEZ unusually well. Since my return to this body I have missed him greatly.

Inasmuch as I had the honor and privilege of serving as chairman of the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and inasmuch as that great committee deals with matters of particular interest to the West, such as Indian affairs, irrigation and reclamation matters, and so forth, I learned very shortly after becoming a member of that committee that ANTONIO FERNANDEZ was one of the best authorities in this House on such matters. He taught me a lot. I conferred with him many times.

I was not only impressed with his profound knowledge of those subject matters, as well as others, but I was impressed with his contriteness of heart, his true humility. He was a wise man and a good man, a man of much learning, yet he was somewhat reticent in his attitude. I would say he had one of the finest attitudes I have ever known a person to have. If you asked him a question concerning a matter that he was deeply interested in and conversant with, he never gave a condescending answer, but he always seemed to enjoy imparting the knowledge which he had, and he always treated everyone with whom he dealt as his equal. I have never known a person, I believe, in my life, who was more anxious not only to serve and serve well but to see others serve and serve well. He was a great, unselfish soul, and I miss him greatly. I miss his counsel, his wisdom; I miss his personality, and it is with true sorrow that I now stand here in this House knowing that he has passed on. May God rest his soul in peace. I feel certain that he has earned a place in our heavenly home, because he was, in my judgment, a true Christian gentleman. To his wife and family I extend my sincere and heartfelt sympathies.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr Speaker, I yield to the distinguished majority leader, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply grieved last November when I read in the Boston papers of the death of our late friend, ANTONIO FERNANDEZ, who passed away the day following his reelection to this body. Throughout my years of service in this body there are few men who have impressed themselves more deeply upon the minds of their colleagues than did TONY FERNANDEZ. He commanded our respect because of the contributions he made to the deliberations of this body both in committee and on the floor. There was no harder working Member of this body than TONY FERNANDEZ. But, he profoundly impressed himself upon us because of those fine qualities that he possessed; qualities that Members who have preceded me have so ably and eloquently referred to. He had that quality of kindness. I can see him now with that whimsical smile on his face as we would meet here in the chamber of the House, in the corridors, or in committee rooms or under other conditions as Members meet each other in our daily lives. He was not only kind; he was understanding; he was a man whose mental outlook on life in connection with his fellow man was unlimited in his understanding mind and his profound respect for all of his fellow men. He was a great man in this body; not great so much as any speeches are concerned but great in the real sense of greatness, in the contributions he made in committee to the production of legislation, much of which was enacted into law, which was of great benefit not only to the people of his State and his area of the country but to the people of our entire country. But, more than being great, TONY FERNANDEZ was a good man. He was good for the reasons which other Members have referred to and which I have briefly stated: his love of his fellow man. TONY FERNANDEZ was good because he had an intense love of God and His law. To his loved ones left behind I join with my colleague, the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. Dempsey] representing the New Mexico delegation, and all of my col-

leagues, in extending to Mrs. Fernandez and her loved ones our deep sympathy in her bereavement.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Gary].

Mr. GARY. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay my personal tribute of respect to my dear departed friend, TONY FERNANDEZ. He was a great fellow. I had the privilege of having him as a member of the subcommittee of which I served as chairman. No chairman ever had a Member who cooperated more heartily than did TONY.

He was a man of great ability. I enjoyed so much knowing him because he was a man who had a keen sense of humor. It was always a pleasure to be in his company. He contributed greatly to the deliberations not only of our subcommittee but to the work of the entire Committee on Appropriations.

The Congress has lost one of its most valuable Members. His lovely wife has lost a devoted husband. His children have lost a devoted father. I have lost a close friend.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my deepest sympathy at this time to his family and let them know that we, his friends, share their sorrow.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Rogers].

Mr. ROGERS of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the passing of ANTONIO FERNANDEZ from this body leaves us with a great deal of sadness. As his name indicated, he was a descendant of that group in the southwestern part of the United States who contributed so much to this Nation.

ANTONIO FERNANDEZ made it the hard way. As a self-made man, he experienced the hard knocks of life, and in that way developed the ability to represent well those people who helped to establish the great Southwest.

TONY FERNANDEZ was a personal friend of mine and of many other Members of this Congress. We knew that he

was honest, sincere, and trustworthy. Throughout the time we had the privilege of serving with him, we know that his services were in the best interests of the people he represented.

By his death, we in the southwestern part of the United States have lost a great public servant, because he was always working hard and conscientiously to represent those people who had placed their faith and trust in him.

To Mrs. Fernandez and the family I offer my deepest sympathy in their loss. I know that we shall remember TONY FERNANDEZ for many, many years to come.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Mahon].

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, late a Member of Congress from New Mexico. My congressional district for many miles joins the State of New Mexico. Geographically, and otherwise, I felt very close to TONY FERNANDEZ during his service here. He was a stalwart citizen, the soul of honor, considerate of his colleagues and everybody else, and highly capable and fair in all his dealings.

He was not provincial. He took the broad view. He was a citizen of the United States and the world, not just New Mexico.

TONY FERNANDEZ made a big contribution to the public service in Washington and New Mexico. It lifts my spirits to recall today that so fine a man as TONY FERNANDEZ looked upon me as a friend. I wish to extend words of deepest sympathy to Mrs. Fernandez and the other members of the family.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the Speaker of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Rayburn].

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I pay a tribute of deep respect to TONY FERNANDEZ. He was a gentleman and a capable legislator.

To his wife and family I express my deepest sympathy in the loss of this fine and noble kinsman.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Horan].

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, those of us who serve in this House grow to learn and to love the individuals with whom we serve. We learn to appreciate those fine men and women, who can be trusted. We feel a grief and loss when they are taken from us. TONY FERNANDEZ was a man you could believe in, a hard worker, a first citizen of New Mexico and a first citizen of this Nation of ours. I know every man in this House joins with his family in a feeling of grief at his passing, yet a certain joy that we have been able to associate with so fine a person as TONY FERNANDEZ.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Bow].

Mr. BOW. Mr. Speaker, it was a great privilege to know ANTONIO FERNANDEZ and to serve with him on the Committee on Appropriations. I join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in all they have said in respect and honor to a great man. ANTONIO FERNANDEZ was truly one of God's great noblemen, and he shall be missed. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family. Not only will he be missed in the great State of New Mexico but those of us in the East and Middle West will also miss his fine service and his contribution to the Government here in the House of Representatives.

Mr. DEMPSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Albert].

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in this expression of my feeling of deep personal loss over the untimely death of my friend ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ. A beloved Member of this body, TONY had received the day before his death a manifestation of the affection and esteem in which he was held by the people he represented here. He had

just been reelected by a record majority vote in his State. He deserved this honor, because he was one of the finest Members of this House.

TONY FERNANDEZ was my friend. He was a kind, generous, and thoughtful man. He was a diligent worker and outstanding member of the great Committee on Appropriations. This House will miss him. His State has lost an outstanding Representative. His country has lost a devoted public servant.

To his lovely wife and children and all his loved ones, I extend my deepest and heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Speaker, a great phrase, coming to us from the wisdom of the East, is: The saddest words are "might have been."

This was the thought that came to me as I walked into this Chamber today, knowing that we would attempt to express our feeling of loss that ANTONIO FERNANDEZ would not be with us. Sad words, indeed. He might have been with us to our profit and pleasure and to the benefit of his State and his country. But it is not so. A Higher Power has called him home.

As we are saddened that TONY FERNANDEZ is not with us, so must the angels be happy that he is safe on shore. It must be that there is a promise of many tomorrows for such men as TONY FERNANDEZ.

I have seen other faces fade from this assembly and other faces fade from the close circle of friends, yet I do not recall any instance where a greater loss was felt.

A better companion than ANTONIO FERNANDEZ, for work or pleasure, could not be found. I worked with TONY FERNANDEZ in one cause and another from the beginning of my service in Congress. I shall miss his companionship, his counsel, his help in the days to come. No matter how pressing the time, how dark the prospect, how unpleasant the task, TONY FERNANDEZ was there with a smile, with fresh determination, with a new approach. His hand and his help is well recorded in

much legislation now enrolled as law. His unflagging devotion to his constituency, not only those of his own district, which was the whole State of New Mexico, but those of the rest of the Nation, was a marvel of our democratic system. It is in men like ANTONIO FERNANDEZ that representative government acquires worth and meaning. His love and respect for his fellow man was such that he could not act but in their interest, labor for their welfare.

I could talk on at great length about the virtues of TONY FERNANDEZ and still not repeat any of them. Still it seems to me that their genius was his charity and the humility by which he gave life to the thought that only in serving others do we find perfect happiness.

By humility we mean not merely a lack of posturing and an absence of vanity but a real and living force animated and illuminated by a just and contrite heart. Man's rewards our late colleague wore lightly, knowing that though they might fill the sail of vanity, they could not push man through the ebbing tide of evil. The promised reward of his God he did not seek like the publican that it might be worn proudly as a badge before men. Not TONY FERNANDEZ. Rather he kept his eye on the sparrow; on the faint outline of virtue's path, and if reward came, it came by grace, for the best was barely virtue in his judgment of himself.

Enough is attempted to use words to convey the transcendent spirit of ANTONIO FERNANDEZ. To his wife, to his five children, and to the rest of his family I can only say that even a small time with such a man is to be treasured beyond its measure in years. I extend to them every sympathy in their loss.

Mr. BARTLETT. Mr. Speaker, when we parted in this very Chamber last August there was no way of knowing that I and so many of his other colleagues would never see TONY FERNANDEZ again. This day revives the deep sense of loss which was ours on receiving word of his untimely passing.

TONY FERNANDEZ served the people of his State well in this House; he was a man of ability, of integrity, and a man whose vision extended to the broad horizons. His activities in the field of medical research and public health generally were devoted and effective. A true son of the West, he fought hard for the development of the great State in which he was born and in which he maintained his residence all of his life.

TONY FERNANDEZ was a kind and helpful man; I have personal experience attesting to that developed over the years. My sincerest condolences go to Mrs. Fernandez and to their children.

Mr. WIGGLESWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I learned with genuine sorrow that our friend and colleague, TONY FERNANDEZ, had left us.

I enjoyed working with him as a member of the Appropriations Committee of the House, and had grown to know him as a real friend, particularly as the result of the bountiful hospitality which he and Mrs. Fernandez were good enough to extend to me and the members of my family in the course of a visit to New Mexico some years ago.

A lawyer, assistant district attorney, member of the State legislature, chief tax attorney for the State tax commission, first assistant attorney general of New Mexico, member of the New Mexico Public Service Commission, a Member of this House for 14 years, he made a real contribution to his State and to the country.

I know that Mrs. Fernandez and all the members of his fine family have our heartfelt sympathy. We shall miss him.

Mr. RABAUT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to joint my colleagues in paying homage to my dear friend and fellow committee member, the Honorable ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ.

I was deeply moved and profoundly shocked to learn of the passing of my dear friend on the very day after the

people of New Mexico reaffirmed their confidence in his integrity and legislative ability. I was further saddened as I recalled the many occasions on which Mr. FERNANDEZ went out of his way to right a wrong or to assist someone in difficulty. The friendship and wise counsel of the gentleman from New Mexico will be sorely missed and I extend to the Fernandez family my deepest and most sincere sympathy.

Mr. GATHINGS. It was my distinct pleasure to know and work with ANTONIO FERNANDEZ for several years in this House. It was a wholesome and refreshing experience to have known him. He generated confidence by his every act or move. I was shocked and grieved to learn of his passing.

The pressure of the heavy tasks which were his during the turbulent war years and the more recent period of international unrest could have, to a degree, affected his health and shortened his span of years. He fulfilled every responsibility with which he was confronted or called upon to perform. He did it well, too. He was never too busy to be cheerful and helpful to those of us with whom he was associated. He must have been carrying heavy burdens, but always, he greeted you with a genuine and pleasing smile. He made life easier and more pleasant for me. His attitude was kindly and inspiring.

"TONY" FERNANDEZ spoke rarely on the floor of the House. He felt that a person should be well versed on a subject before being in a position to make a real contribution and taking up the time of the membership in the discussion on the floor. When he spoke, the House listened. He was the master of the situation. He knew the topic far better than his listeners and his remarks were always enlightening every time he made a floor speech.

Two or three years ago, the House was debating the question of extending the authority to negotiate an international agreement with Mexico for the recruiting of Mexican nationals for seasonal farm work. The debate became heated. There seemed to be quite a lot of misapprehension about the

proposal in the minds of some of the Members. At least there was until TONY FERNANDEZ explained the program, its purposes, and method of administration. His speech removed the doubt and was largely instrumental in the bill being passed.

I will miss a true friend in his passing.

I would like to express to Mrs. Fernandez and his fine children my heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. CANFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I knew TONY FERNANDEZ as a loyal friend and effective member of our great legislative body. I knew him as a special pleader for the American Indian, for any group of our citizenry in distress. He was a most wholesome down-to-earth Representative. He had a keen native intuition, a remarkable sense of foresight, and a quick power of analysis. He was clean and he was bright. I shall miss him greatly and my heart goes out to Mrs. Fernandez and the family in their great loss and sorrow.

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in paying a brief but sincere tribute to our late departed friend and colleague, ANTONIO FERNANDEZ, of New Mexico. This body and our country have lost a dedicated public servant in his passing from our midst.

It has been my good fortune to work with Congressman FERNANDEZ as a member of the Committee on Appropriations. I have admired his diligence and application to duty. He was always faithful and had a conscientious regard for his responsibility. He was devoted to the people of his district and State and although not a "pork barrel" politician, he was always insisting that New Mexico receive its just share of appropriated funds for public works programs and projects in his area. He made splendid contributions to his State and certainly was a valued member of the Committee on Appropriations of this House.

We had a special area of friendship and interest inasmuch as TONY was a graduate of Cumberland University's School of Law, which is located in Lebanon, Tenn., in the district

which I have the honor to represent. Cumberland has produced many great lawyers and legislators and Congressman FERNANDEZ was certainly numbered among this outstanding group of alumni. He often spoke to me of Cumberland and of Tennessee. I shall miss him and I join with my colleagues in expressing to his wife and the members of his family my most sincere expression of sympathy in the loss which they have sustained.

Mr. ENGLE. Mr. Speaker, no man who served in the House was held in deeper affection and respect than TONY FERNANDEZ, and his untimely passing was a profound shock to us all.

TONY served on several committees with me prior to the Reorganization Act of 1946, and on the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs after 1946 and until he became a member of the Committee on Appropriations. He outranked me in service and was one place ahead of me on the Interior Committee. He mentioned several times, with some regret, I thought, that he would have been chairman of Interior had he not moved. But his service on Appropriations was needed to keep Western representation on that important committee in balance with other areas of the United States. And TONY, responding to what he regarded as his public duty, gave up the opportunity for an early chairmanship to move to a committee where he had to start at the bottom and work the long way up.

This was characteristic of TONY FERNANDEZ. He always placed his public duty first. Moreover, his kind and gentle nature led him to place consideration for others first as a matter of practice. He never engaged in personal controversy, never said an unkind word publicly or privately, about anyone, and never had an enemy. He was a fine and gentle man and as genuine a friend as I have ever known. His death is a grievous personal loss to me.

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join in paying tribute to our departed colleague ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ. I was greatly shocked and saddened when I learned of his passing last November.

Since my district borders on the State of New Mexico there were naturally many matters of common interest to both Mr. FERNANDEZ and myself. I always found him very cooperative and helpful. We worked very closely together on legislation which involved either New Mexico or Colorado.

The State of New Mexico has suffered a great loss in the passing of Mr. FERNANDEZ. He worked diligently and unceasingly for the progress and development of his State. I know of the high esteem in which he was held by the people of New Mexico, who appreciated his efforts in their behalf, as demonstrated by his reelection every 2 years.

I greatly enjoyed my friendship with TONY FERNANDEZ, and his fine family. We talked frequently about mutual friends in our States. He had relatives in my hometown of Trinidad and was well known there.

TONY FERNANDEZ was a delightful person to know. He was always of the same happy disposition. I never heard him speak ill of anyone. He had the happy faculty of making and retaining friends. It was a real privilege and pleasure for me to serve with him in the House over a period of many years. I shall greatly miss him.

I wish to again extend my deep personal sympathy to Mrs. Fernandez and the other members of the family.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I join my colleagues in the House in paying tribute to a good friend and highly capable legislator, Hon. ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, of New Mexico, whose untimely death occurred on Wednesday, November 7, 1956.

It was my privilege to have enjoyed a very close and warm friendship with TONY, as he was affectionately called, since

I first came to the House of Representatives in the 78th Congress. We served together for years on the House Appropriations Committee, where he displayed outstanding ability and had the confidence of and was held in the highest esteem by all members of the committee, from both sides of the aisle.

ANTONIO FERNANDEZ was of great and noble character, and he likewise enjoyed not only in his home State of New Mexico, not only in this body, who knew him so well, but throughout the Nation, a splendid reputation for honesty, intelligence, and ability.

ANTONIO FERNANDEZ was a most diligent Member and was the author of many proposals which were of great benefit to the people of the State of New Mexico. Men like TONY FERNANDEZ are sadly missed, and we do well to honor the memory of one who served his country and the people so well. I shall always think of him with fond memories and again express my personal regret at the untimely loss of this great American, and to his dear wife and children, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I want to join in offering my sincere sympathy to the family of our friend and colleague, ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, on their great loss.

It was a privilege to serve with him on the Committee on Appropriations and his conscientious service will remain an inspiration to those of us who worked with him. In committee, as on the floor of the House, he devoted his efforts to the welfare of all of the people of the United States while ably representing the people of New Mexico.

Unassuming and mild mannered, Representative FERNANDEZ was a working legislator who knew and loved the work of the House of Representatives. His long experience in public service gave him an insight into both the legislative and administrative functions of representative government.

Our lives have been enriched by having known him and his record of service will always remain a source of pride to him family and the people of New Mexico.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I can add very little to the eloquent and fully deserved tributes which have been paid to our departed colleague, ANTONIO FERNANDEZ, of New Mexico, but I wish to associate myself with all that has been said about him here this afternoon. It was never my privilege to serve with him on a committee but I have noted his remarkable accomplishments here on the floor of the House in behalf of his constituency. He was affable, friendly, kindly, and always considerate. He was persuasive, forceful, and convincing in debate. His people will miss him as we, here in the House, will miss his many kindnesses. I join with my colleagues in expressing deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. FERNÓS-ISERN. Mr. Speaker, I very much regret that it was not possible for me to be present on Tuesday of last week, then to add my personal tribute to those of my colleagues, for my dear departed friend and colleague, the Honorable ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, late Congressman from New Mexico.

We were close personal friends and, with our families, shared many happy social hours together.

In the Congress TONY was always ready to give the needed helping hand when legislation of potential benefits to the people of Puerto Rico was at issue. Many times he raised his voice in the Chamber on their behalf. Many times he took up their fight as his fight and in addition to the great effort that he made in Congress on behalf of the people from New Mexico, whom he so well represented here. Thus it is that the people of Puerto Rico are fully aware of their great loss through his untimely death. And I must express my personal feeling that the great Halls of Congress seem just a little empty now.

But ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ was more than a good friend. He was a great American in every sense of the word; he was a true statesman and a fine legislator. His influence was felt in the discussions of important matters before the powerful Committee on Appropriations, of which he was a member. His counsel was often sought. I know that I personally sought his advice on many occasions.

Though the late Representative from New Mexico is no longer present, the example that he set here is one to follow; the example of honesty, integrity, courage, patriotism, and perseverance in the pursuit of the wisest possible defense and development of our country. His name is on many of the bills which became law and which are important to the Nation and to the people of New Mexico. His example of unswerving devotion to God and country is one which we must not forget. His extreme generosity and selflessness are going to be remembered, together with all of the other fine qualities which made ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, the late Representative from New Mexico, the statesman, TONY FERNANDEZ, the man, our colleague, and our friend.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 57 minutes p. m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 23, 1957, at 12 o'clock noon.

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MONDAY, *January 7, 1957.*

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair lays before the Senate a resolution coming from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The legislative clerk read the resolution (H. Res. 17), as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, a Representative from the State of New Mexico.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution with reference to the death of the Honorable ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ. I should like to have the record show that the resolution is submitted by the senior Senator from New Mexico [Mr. Chavez], for himself and myself.

I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 11) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. ANTONIO M. FERNANDEZ, late a Representative from the State of New Mexico.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, take a recess until 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday next.

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